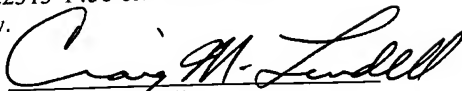


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2005, applicants submit the following remarks and request reconsideration by the Examiner: